

September 6, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m and 6:30 p.m. reading services

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. reading service and **2:30** p.m. service with
Rev. Witvoet

Advance Notice: Rev. Hofman September 20 at 2:30 p.m.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

Office Bearer: Mr. Derek Kattenberg was chosen to be deacon.
If there are no objections, he will be installed on September 20.
Any objections must be submitted to the consistory in writing. This is the first announcement.

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mrs. Spaans, who was admitted to Sanford last week Saturday for dehydration and an infection and was in critical care. She was discharged Wednesday to Lyon Specialty Care. Mr. Spaans has joined her there until she is discharged.

-Our elderly, widows and widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

. Breathe from the gentle south, O Lord,
And cheer me from the north;
Blow on the treasures of thy word,
And call the spices forth.

Cold as I feel this heart of mine,
Yet since I feel it so,
It yields some hope of life divine
Within, however low.

I seem forsaken and alone;
I hear the lion roar;
And every door is shut but one,
And that is mercy's door.

Here would I wait, and hope, and pray,
Till needed mercy come;
But lest I faint, or turn away,
Lord, do not tarry long. ~J. Newton

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

A farmer loaded up his shotgun and slipped out along the fence to make it warm for the crows that were pulling up his young corn. The farmer had a very sociable parrot who, discovering the crows pulling up the corn, flew over and joined them. The farmer saw the crows, but did not see the parrot. He fired among them, and then climbed over the fence to see the execution done. There lay three dead crows, and his pet parrot with ruffled feathers and a broken leg. When the bird was taken home, the children asked:

“What did it, Papa? Who hurt our pretty Polly?”

“Bad company! Bad company!” answered the parrot, in solemn voice.

“Ay, that it was,” said the father. “Polly was with those crows when I fired and received a shot intended for them. Remember the parrot’s fate, children. Beware of bad company.”

Many a boy or girl has got into trouble, not through any evil, which they did themselves, but because of the company in which they were found. People will judge us by the company we keep, for in the long run the old proverb is true, that “Birds of a feather flock together.”

It is never safe for us to do anything just because many are doing the same thing. God makes a clear statement on this point: “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.” (Exodus 23:2) We must be careful to know that the thing we want to do is right, and a good thing to do, rather than that there are many or few people doing it. Boys and girls of a sociable temperament often feel very hard toward their parents who are careful of the company they keep, and think the old people are too particular about it. The boy or girl who is always running with the crowd, and with no better reason than because the others do it, will be sure to come to grief. “My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.” (Proverbs 1:10)

NOTES

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*Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving, and make a joyful
noise unto him with psalms.
Psalm 95:2*

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.